

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 606

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kathie Franzke on her selection as Teacher of the Year at West View Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kathie Franzke is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Franzke was recently selected as Teacher of the Year for West View Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Franzke earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Carson-Newman College and completed postgraduate work at the University of Tennessee and Walters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Kathie Franzke is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Franzke has graciously volunteered her time to numerous scholastic efforts, including serving as Spelling Bee Coordinator, Modern Woodmen Speech Contest Co-Coordinator, former grade level Team Leader, and member of the Director's Writing Evaluation Committee, the S Team, the School Leadership Committee, and the Hamblen County Curriculum Mapping Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a thirteen-year sponsor of the National Junior Beta Club at West View, for which she has helped coordinate numerous projects, including Coats for the

Cold, Callaway Christmas, the Souper Bowl of Caring, Valentines for Veterans, and various disaster relief campaigns; and

WHEREAS, her other leadership roles include serving as a supervising teacher for student teachers and practicum students from area colleges, as a former member of the TCAP Writing Assessment Scoring Committee, and as a volunteer judge at local, state, and national forensics tournaments; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Franzke is a WBIR Educator of the Week and a Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts Outstanding Teacher award winner; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active and devout member of First Baptist Church, which she has served faithfully as a vacation bible school and nursery volunteer and as a member of the bereavement committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Franzke truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Kathie Franzke epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kathie Franzke on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at West View Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.